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Memorandum of Conversation

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DATE: October 28, 1949

SUBJECT: British Police and Prison Mission in Greece

PARTICIPANTS: W. D. Allen - Counselor of the British Embassy
W. M. Rountree - Deputy Director, GTI

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Mr. Allen called at his request to determine the Department's attitude concerning continuation of the British Police and Prison Mission in Greece. He stated that discussions in Athens had indicated the desire of the American Mission that the contract with the Greek Government, scheduled to expire in the near future, be renewed. The Greek Government had requested that this be done. Mr. Allen said that the British Government was willing to extend the contract (although the Treasury had insisted that it be made for one year rather than for two years as was proposed in Athens for administrative reasons), provided that the Department of State concurred.

I informed Mr. Allen that the Department shared Ambassador Grady's view that the Mission should be continued, and hoped that the British Government would see fit to renew the contract. Mr. Allen said that he would inform his Government accordingly and that he had no doubt but that authority would be granted for renewal.

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